

City Manager's
Proposed Budget
Message
FY 2004-2005

March 9, 2004

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The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City Hall
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to submit the proposed FY 2004-2005 budget for the City of Fairfax. The annual budget is the City's primary financial management tool, and its preparation is a multi-step process that occurs over several months.

The first step is a comprehensive review and assessment of City goals and objectives, followed by an analysis of the available means for accomplishing those goals and objectives. A proposed budget then is developed that best addresses the needs of the community within the available financial resources and according to City goals, guidelines and the financial policies adopted by the City Council. As the basis for our financial planning, these principles ensure our long-term fiscal stability.

The following budget message summarizes the budget, highlights its major components, reviews any significant changes and sets the stage for our deliberations. Our discussions regarding this budget will culminate with its planned adoption on April 13, 2004.

As always, citizen input is encouraged and a variety of opportunities for discussion will be available through a public hearing, a community outreach meeting and other means. I look forward to the budget review and consideration by the community and the Mayor and City Council.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Sisson
City Manager

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